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GO GRAN GORDO!



La Leyenda del Gran Gordo!

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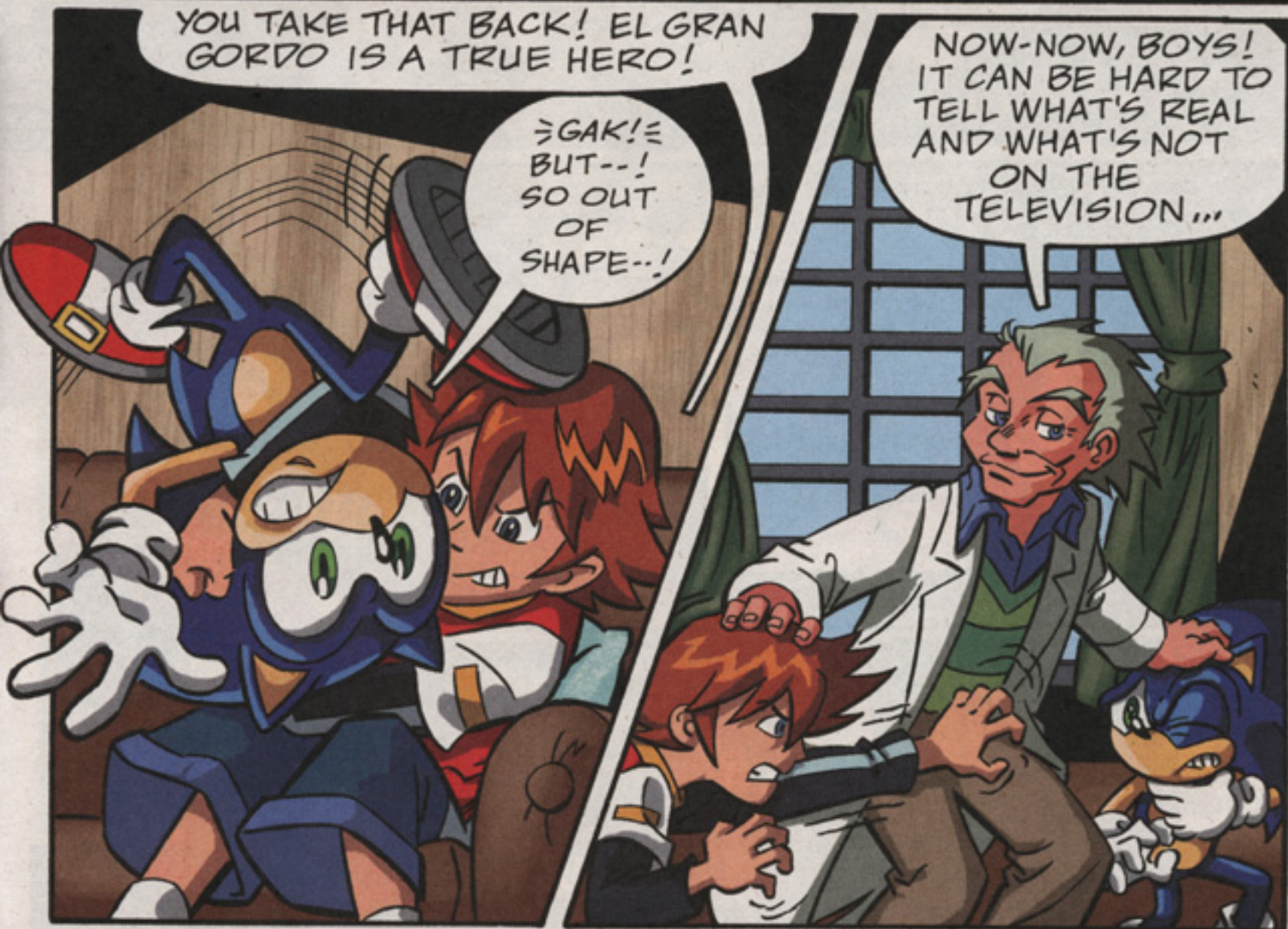


CHRIS, THERE'S NO WAY HE
COULD FIGHT LIKE THAT FOR
REAL! IT'S OBVIOUSLY
DR. EGGMAN IN
DISGUISE!

YOU TAKE THAT BACK! EL GRAN
GORDO IS A TRUE HERO!

≧GAK!≡
BUT--!
SO OUT
OF
SHAPE--!

NOW-NOW, BOYS!
IT CAN BE HARD TO
TELL WHAT'S REAL
AND WHAT'S NOT
ON THE
TELEVISION...



...SO YOUR
FATHER GOT
US A COUPLE
OF TICKETS
TO EL GRAN
GORDO'S
NEXT MATCH
HERE IN
STATION
SQUARE!

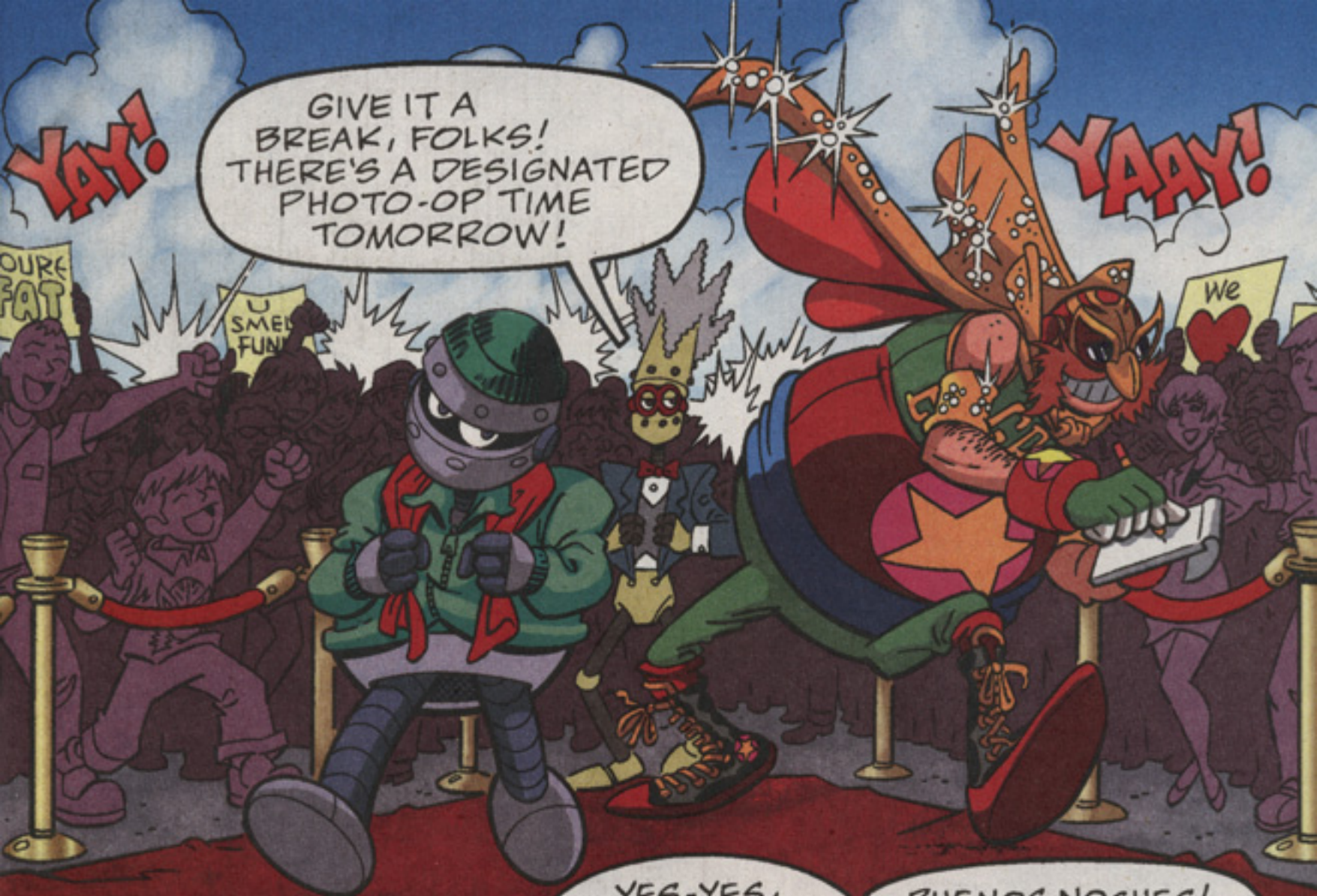
SERIOUSLY?!

AWESOME!



TOO BAD
THERE ARE ONLY TWO
TICKETS, SONIC. YOU
WON'T GET TO SEE HOW
AWESOME EL GRAN
GORDO IS IN
PERSON!

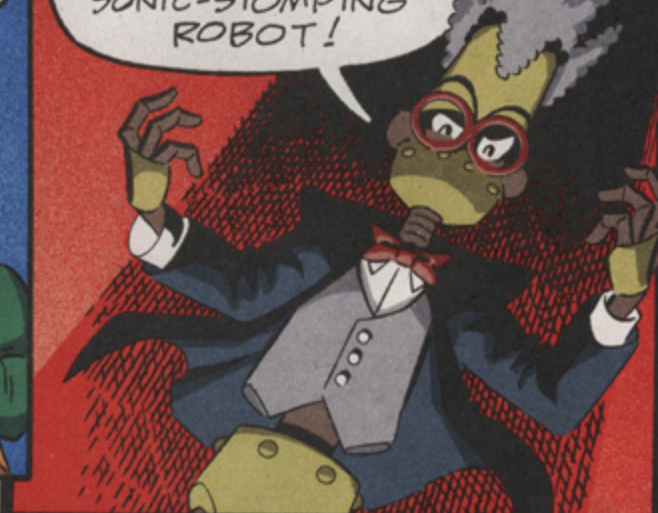




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I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN! MY "GRAN GORDO" CHARACTER IS RAKING IN THE DOUGH!



BESIDES, IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU TWO ARE GROWING JEALOUS OF MY PROWESS IN THE RING!



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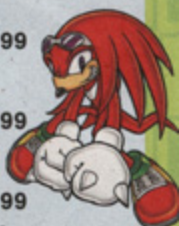
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YOU DESIGNED THESE SPECIAL MINI-ROBOTS TO LOOK LIKE SEQUINS.

THEY GET ALL OVER YOUR OPPONENTS.



THE MINI-ROBOTS WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A NEGATIVELY CHARGED FIELD--

--WHILE THE POSITIVELY CHARGED SUPER-MAGNET WE HID UNDER THE RING PULLS THEM TO THE GROUND!



IT'S A BRILLIANT IDEA! IT ALLOWS ME TO SHOW MY MENTAL AND PHYSICAL PROWESS!

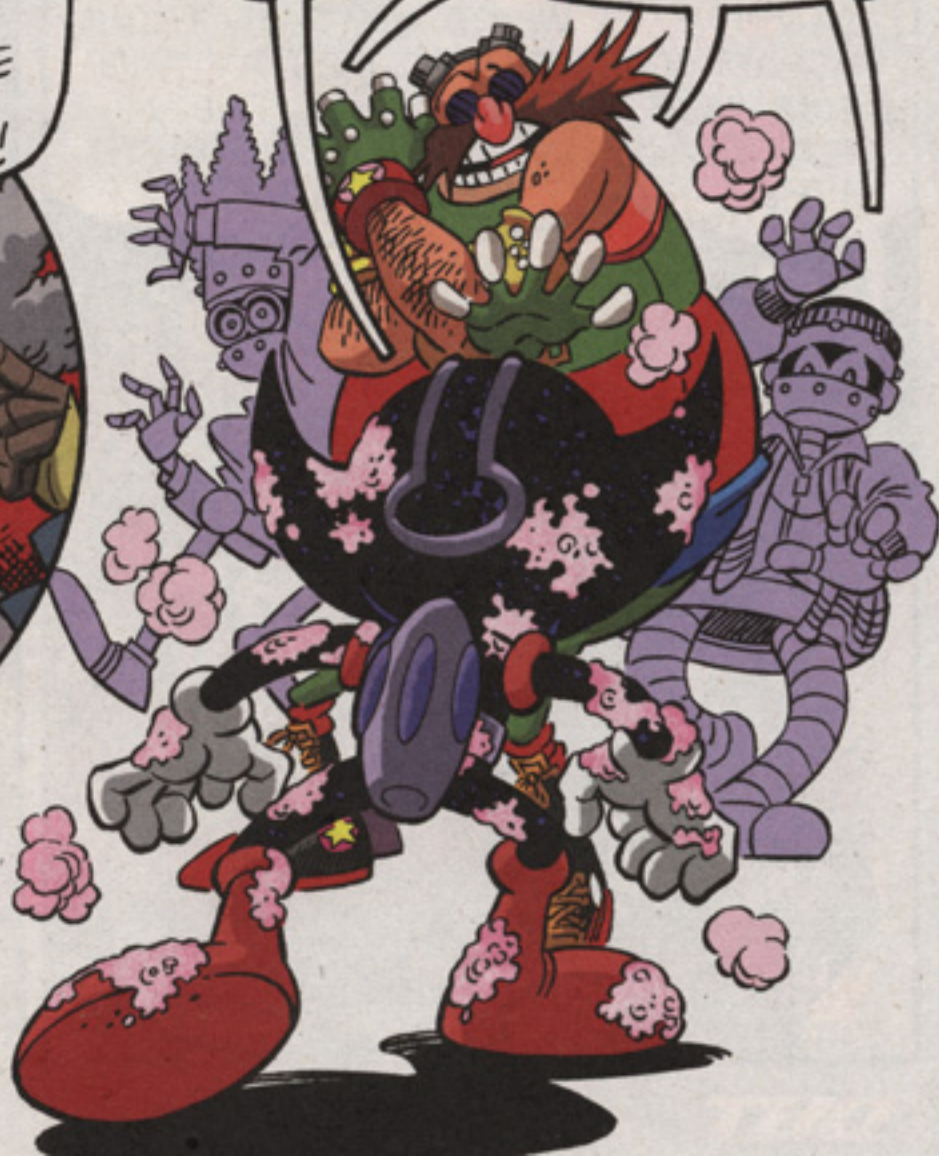
YOU'RE CAUGHT UP IN YOUR OWN ACT! AND YOU MAKE US WEAR THESE RIDICULOUS DISGUISES!

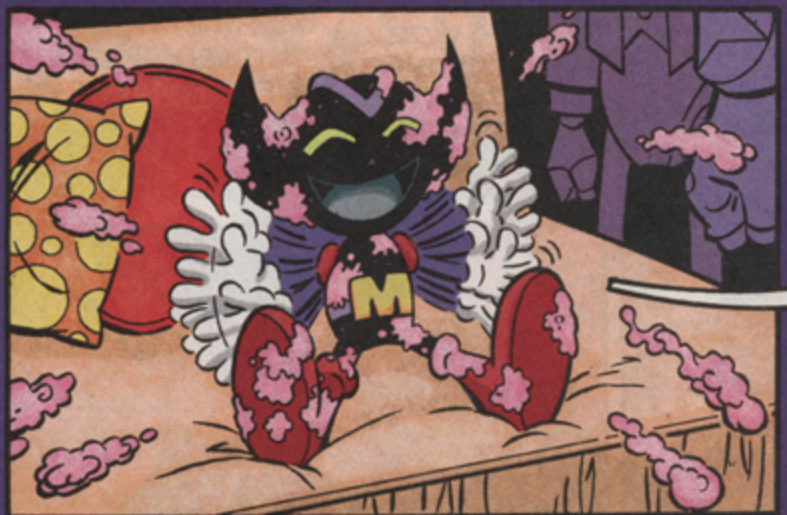


THIS WIG ITCHES!

YOU GUYS ARE LOUD.

GAH!





YOU SHOULD ALL RELAX WITH SOME COTTON CANDY! THEY'VE GOT ENOUGH TO SWIM IN!

I KNOW-- I TRIED!

YOU REALLY NEED TO LAY OFF THE SWEETS, BOKKUN. THAT MUCH SUGAR WILL WARP YOUR BRAIN.

RE-HEE-HEE-HEE-EALLY?

THE SAME CAN BE SAID ABOUT BELIEVING YOUR OWN HYPE!

WOULD YOU STOP IT? WE'RE ALMOST AT THE GOAL I SET AT THE BEGINNING. THEN WE'LL BE DONE WITH THIS FACADE.

...BUT ALL THE SAME...





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ONE NIGHT ONLY IN STATION SQUARE!

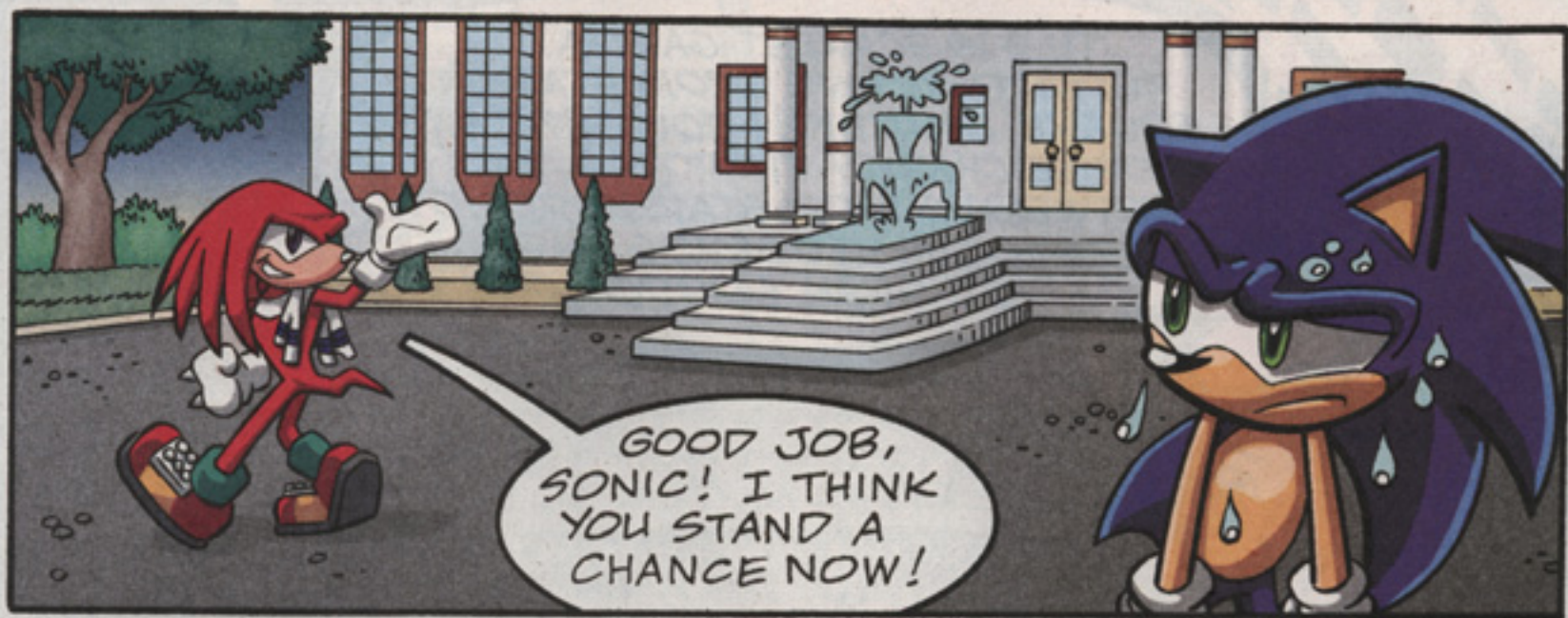


WORLD-WIDE HERO
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
VS.
OVERNIGHT SUPER-STAR
EL GRAN GORDO

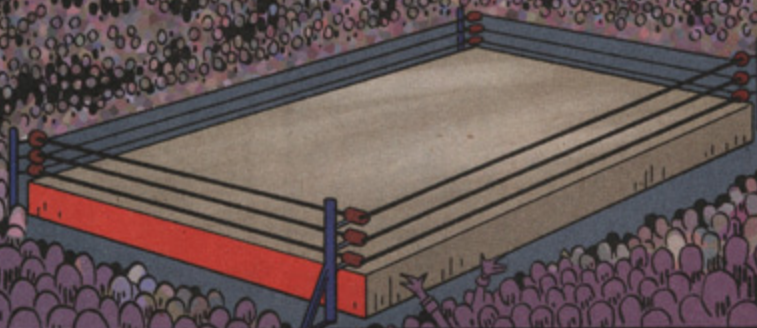
ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO CHARITY!







THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA
REPORTING LIVE FROM STATION
SQUARE GARDENS! TONIGHT'S HIGH-
PROFILE CHARITY FIGHT WILL BE
BETWEEN SUPER-STAR HEROES
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND
EL GRAN GORDO.



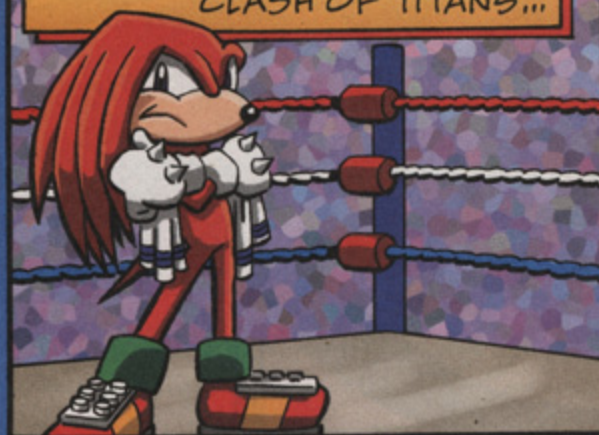
"EMOTIONS RUN HIGH
TONIGHT! FROM EXCITE-
MENT..."



"...TO FEAR FOR EACH
FAN'S FAVORITE!"



"AND NO MATTER WHAT'S
DRAWN YOU TO TONIGHT'S
CLASH OF TITANS..."



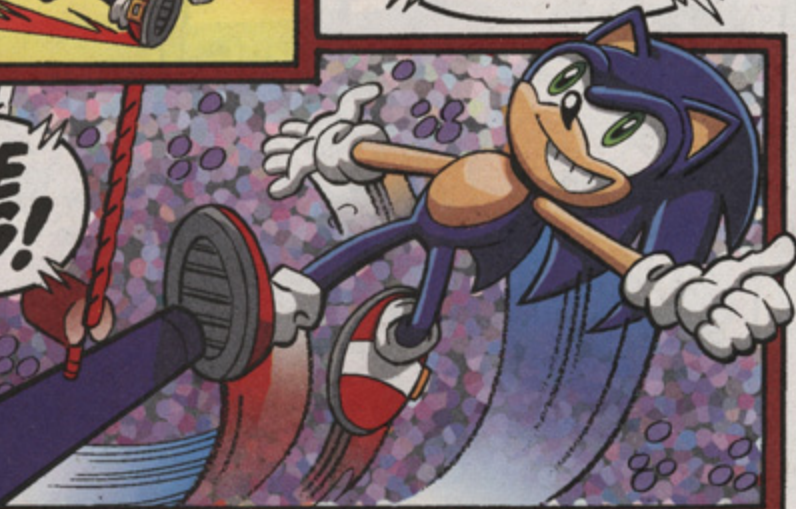
"...IT'S A FACT THAT EVERY-
ONE IS PAYING ATTENTION!"



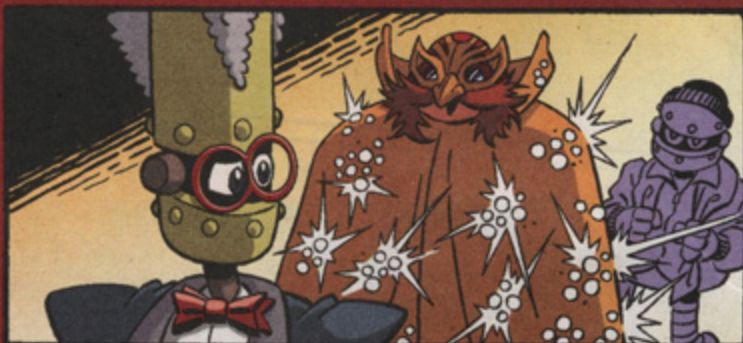


IN THE BLUE CORNER! WEIGHING IN AT THIRTY-FIVE KILOGRAMS! THE CHAMPION FROM ANOTHER WORLD...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



IN THE RED CORNER! WEIGHING IN AT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT KILOGRAMS! THE NEW HERO FOR A NEW AGE...



EL GRAN GORDO!



IS THE SUPER-MAGNET READY?

MORE THAN WE ARE.

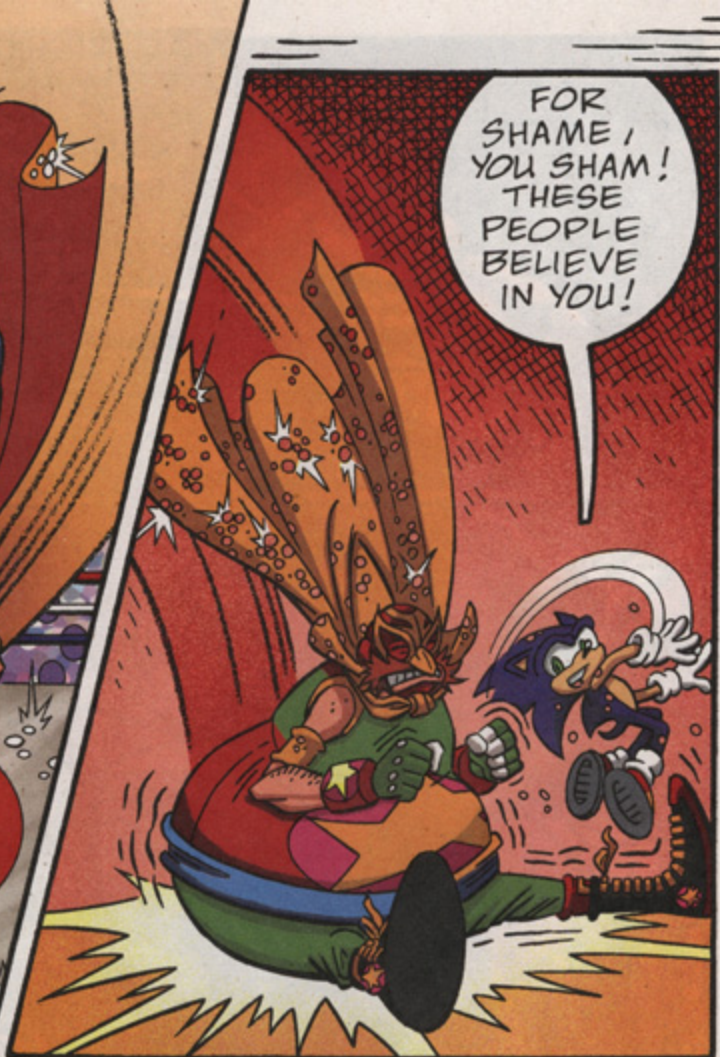






I
GET IT
NOW!

YOU'VE
RIGGED
THESE
FIGHTS!



FOR
SHAME,
YOU SHAM!
THESE
PEOPLE
BELIEVE
IN YOU!



I WAS JUST GOING TO
EXPOSE YOU FOR BEING
A FAKE PERSONALITY...

...BUT
NOW I'LL
EXPOSE
YOU AS
A FAKE
ATHLETE
TOO!

GAH!





MY MINI-ROBOTS MAY HAVE GIVEN ME A SLIGHT EDGE, BUT MY VICTORIES HAVE BEEN MY OWN!

I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT! BRING IT ON, YOU OVER-STUFFED ENCHILADA--

--IF YOU CAN MOVE, THAT IS!

WOW! LOOK, GRANDPA! THEY'RE GETTING SO INTENSE!

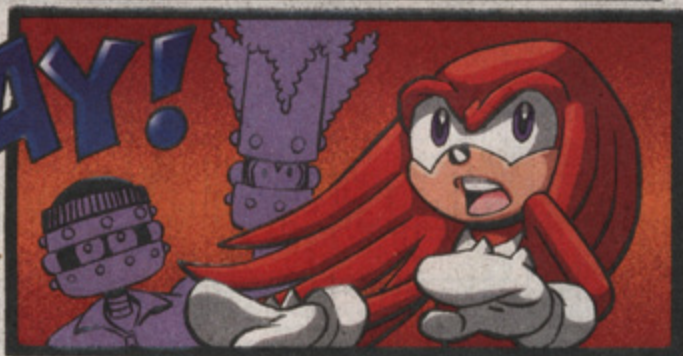
I SEE! LOOK HOW THEY'RE STARING EACH OTHER DOWN!

I KNEW THIS WOULD GO BADLY, BUT NOT THIS BAD.

I CAN'T WATCH! TELL ME WHEN IT'S OVER!

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE? ARE YOU TRYING TO RIG THE FIGHT?

YAAAAAY!



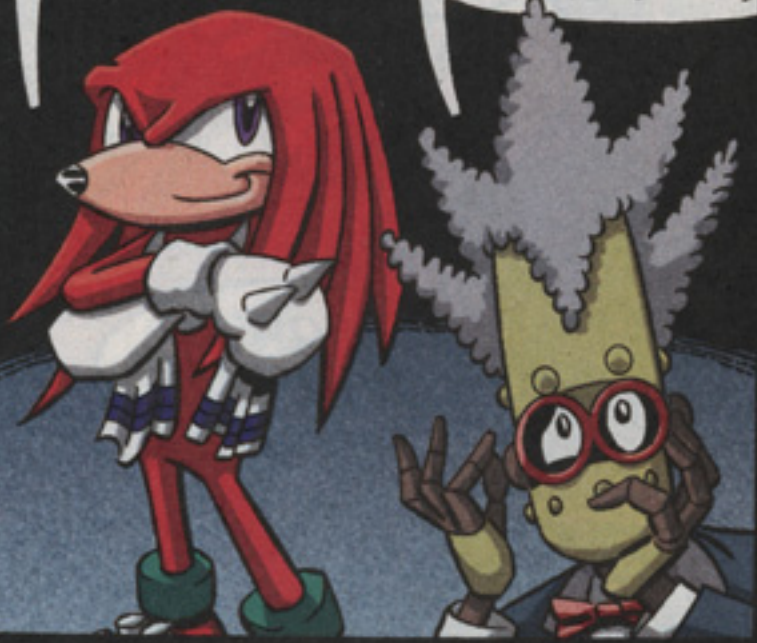
GO GRAN
GORDO!

GO SONIC!



THERE! THEY'RE
BACK TO
FIGHTING! THAT'S
BETTER!

WHAT'S GOING
ON?! THEY'RE
STILL COVERED
IN MINI-
ROBOTS!



LOOK,
DECOE!

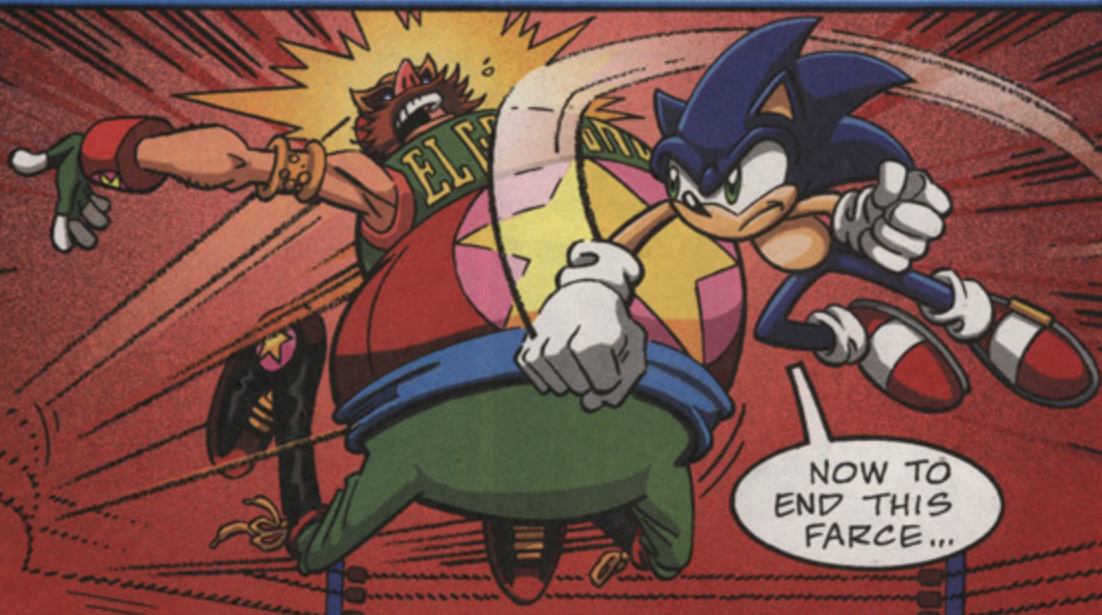
SOMETHING
CHEWED THROUGH
THE POWER CORD!



WHAT COULD CHEW
THROUGH A CORD
THAT THICK?

WHO
CARES?
**GO,
SONIC!**



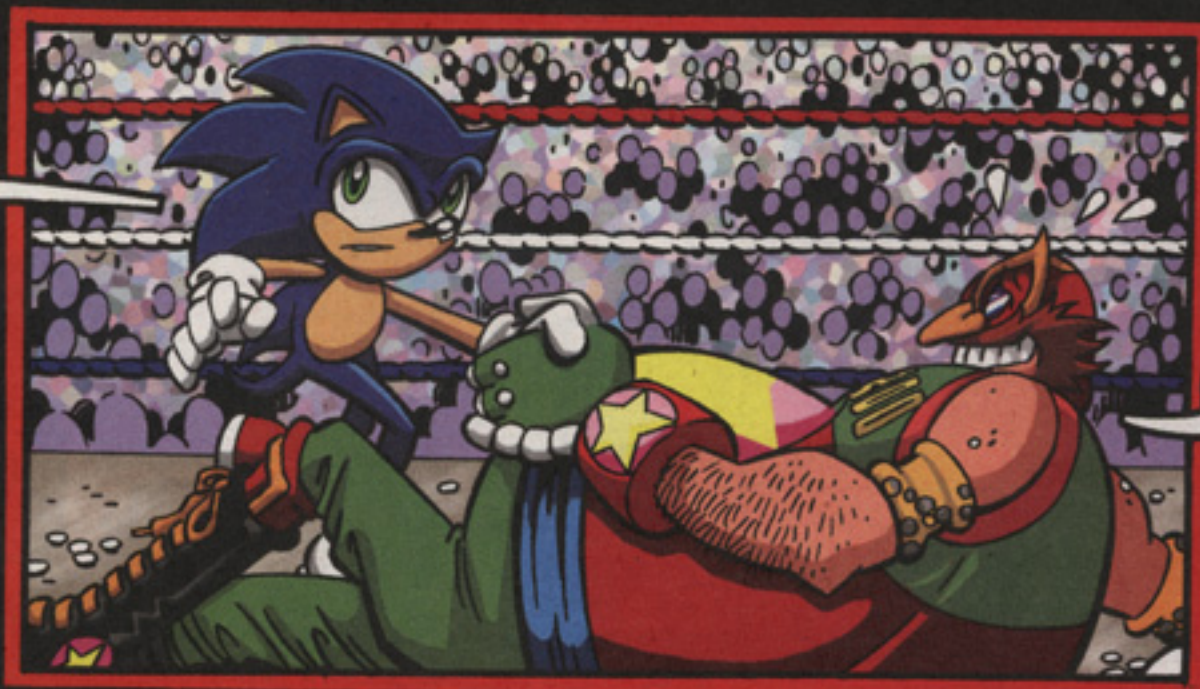


SONIC,
WAIT!

LET ME STAY AS
EL GRAN GORDO
AND OUR FEUD IS
OVER! PLEASE LET
ME STAY THEIR
HERO!



NO
GOOD
CAN
COME
OF
THIS...



YOU
MEAN
IT?!

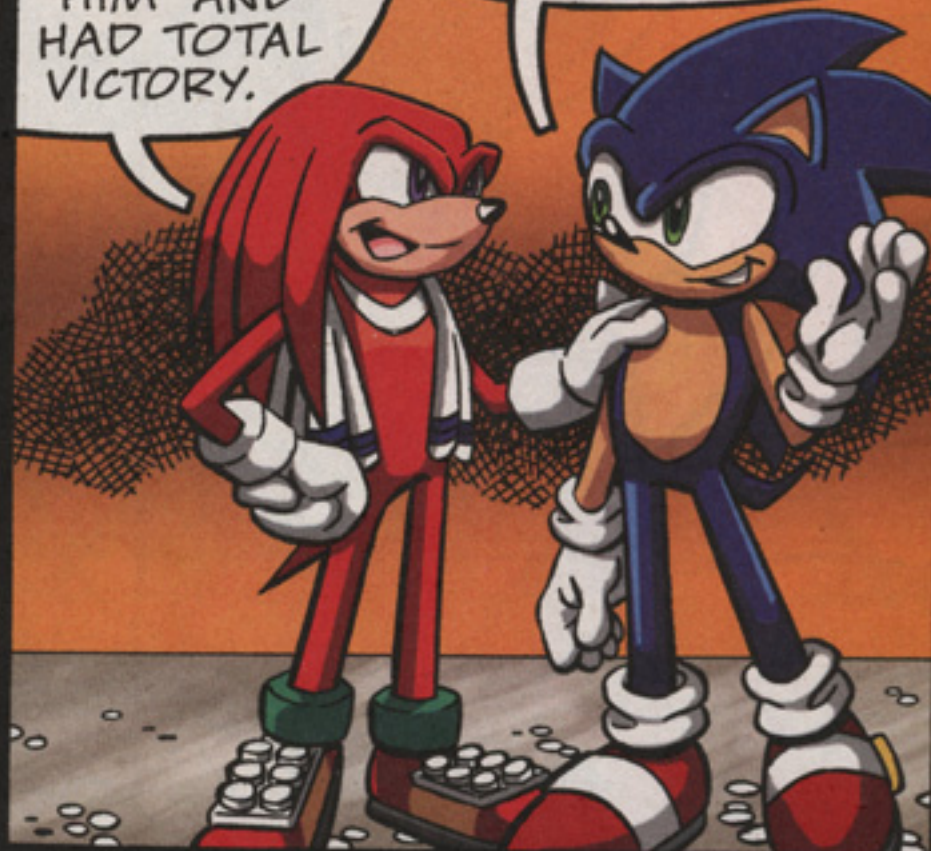
WE HAVE A WINNER!
LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE
GRACIOUS **SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!**

YAAAAAY!



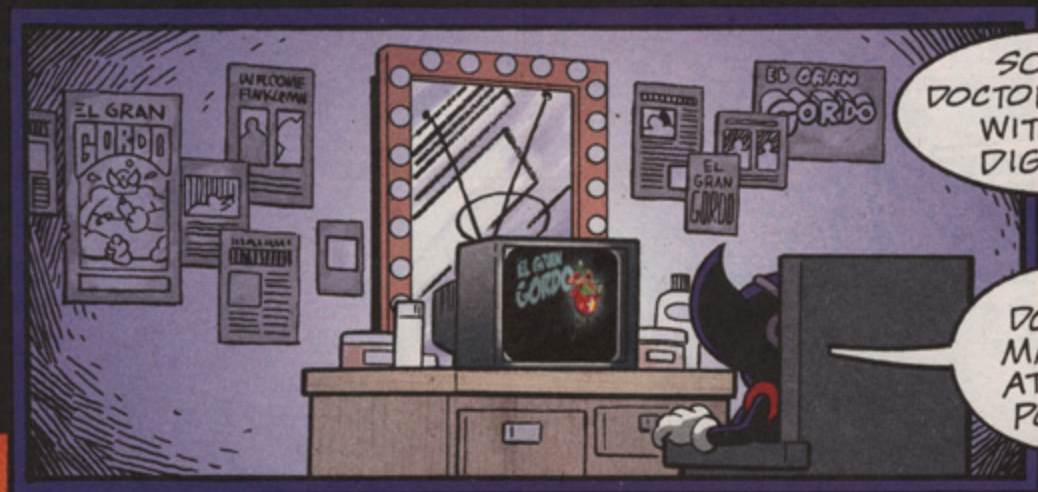
VERY CLASSY,
SONIC, YOU
COULD'VE
UNMASKED
HIM AND
HAD TOTAL
VICTORY.

YEAH, BUT LETTING
HIM KEEP IT WAS
A VICTORY IN ITS
OWN WAY.



"BESIDES, WHAT HARM
COULD IT DO?!"





SO THE DOCTOR LEAVES WITH HIS DIGNITY?

PAH!

IT DOESN'T MATTER AT THIS POINT...

"...FOR THE EMPIRE IS MINE NOW!"

**GYEE-HEE-HEE-HAW
HOO-HOO-HA!**



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